

City of Reading Charter Board

March 15, 2011- 7:00 pm
Council Chambers

Members Present: Susan Gibson, John Slifko, Barry Lloyd, Jerry Richter, Elizabeth Stanley
Members Absent: None
Members of Public and Invited Guests: None

I. Administration

- The Board's next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, April 5, 2011. An Executive Session will be held to discuss the status of open investigations and enforcement actions.
- 2011 Charter Board Budget summary was distributed for review and discussion, along with February invoices; total spent to date = \$14,575.62 on an annual budget of \$20,000.
- Reappointment of Board Chair Susan Gibson was affirmed by City Council 3/14/11. The term of Board member Jerry Richter expires 4/16/11.
- The Board noted an Editorial Opinion appearing in the Reading Eagle 3/15/11 which appears to name the Charter Board as an entity engaged in violating the PA Sunshine Act. The Board discussed the inaccuracy of the statements made and plans to ask for a retraction via letter from the Board Solicitor.
- The Board reviewed the position description for the Investigative Officer.

II. Education

No current Issues

III. Advisory

No current Issues

IV. Enforcement

- The Board Chair announced an Executive Session to discuss the status of and matters related to Investigations 29, 30, and 31. The Board entered into Executive session at 7:20 pm and exited Executive Session at 7:45 pm. While in Executive session, the following procedural updates were noted:

- No appeal has been filed regarding the Final Opinion and Order for Investigation #29 issued February 8, 2011. The matter is considered closed. The Final Opinion and Order can be accessed via the City Clerks office and will be forwarded for posting on the Charter Board website.
- The Final Opinion and Order for Investigation #30 was issued March 4, 2011. No notification regarding appeal has been noted through the close of business 3/15/2011.
- The Findings report for Investigation #31 was issued February 24, 2011. The subject involved has through the close of business 3/16/11 to request an evidentiary hearing, if desired. The Board awaits notification from the Investigative officer regarding the course of action on this complaint.

V. Closing –Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted
Susan Gibson, Board Chairperson